

## 2018 Fall Meeting Overview FACERS Awards

## These awards were given to past officers in recognition for their service to FACERS.

### **Past President Recognition**



James K. Harriott, Jr., P.E. Alachua County, 2015-2016



Doug Gable, P.E. Polk County, 2016-2017



Faith Alkhatib, P.E. Flagler County, 2017-2018

#### In appreciation of service as an Officer in FACERS



Joseph Kunkel for 2015/16 through 2017/18

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## Fall Meeting Presentations

### Presentation are available for download!

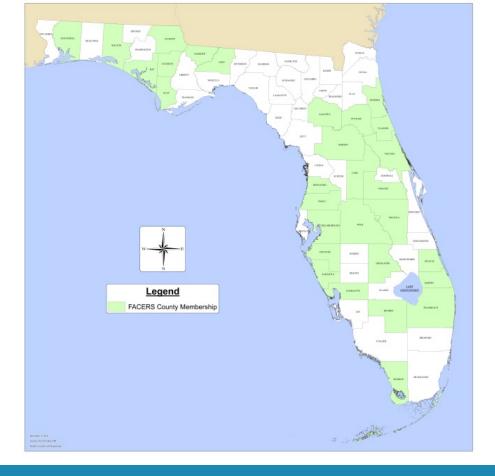
As requested, some presentations from the Fall Meeting have been uploaded to the website. To view presentations, <u>click</u> <u>here</u> or navigate by going to **Events - Fall Meeting** (see image).

More will be uploaded soon!



## Florida FACERS Map

Below is a map of Counties who have employess that are <u>current</u> in the membership with FACERS.



## Let's Fix Funding! Indexing Gas Tax for Local Governments

This article aims to be the "Myth Busters" of Florida infrastructure funding. Many of the things I have heard from citizens, elected officials, even public works staff about gas tax funding ranges from slightly off to completely wrong. This journey for me began back in 2015 when I was asked to present at the (FACERS) annual meeting at the FAC Conference. The session called "Let's Fix Funding!" struck a chord among the attendees and begat panels in Orlando sponsored by APWA, ASCE, ASHE, FES, FICE and WTS in addition to a session for County Commissioners at the Legislative Conference and at NACE and APWA Conferences as well.

For the rest of the article, click here.

## President's Message Shane Parker

Greetings! I hope everyone enjoyed the FACERS fall conference which was held at the Marriott Tampa Waterside in Tampa, FL. I know I did!

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in making this year's fall conference a success. A few who deserve further recognition are:



- · Vice-President Brian Singleton, who did an excellent job in scheduling the conference speakers. I look forward to the next set of presentations that Brian will have for FACERS at the summer conference in Orlando, FL.
- · Amy Blaida and Joe Kunkel for arranging the FACERS social at Bizou Brasserie. They did an excellent job and I truly believe everyone had a great time. If you weren't able to attend, then you definitely missed out on a great time of being with friends, and networking with peers and corporate conference sponsors.
- The Gold, Silver and Bronze corporate sponsors of the fall conference and social. The conference and social would not be the same without your support.
- · FAC staff Jennifer Laxner, Milan Clayton and other staffers who were behind the scenes in making this conference a success.

I would also like to thank all the FACERS members who were able to attend the fall conference. And if you enjoyed this conference then you will love the summer conference. So please make arrangements to attend the FACERS summer conference which will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando from June 11-13, 2019. The meeting be held simultaneously with the 2019 FAC Annual Conference and is a great networking opportunity. So please make plans to attend.

If you have any ideas for a presentation or have a topic you are interested in hearing a presentation on at the summer conference then please submit your comments and ideas to Brian Singleton at bsingleton@AlachuaCounty.US.

Remember licenses for Professional Engineers who are licensed by the State of Florida expire February 28, 2019.

And last, but not least, the holidays are upon us. So please make it a point to take some much needed time off from your hectic schedules and get some rest. Enjoy your time with family and friends. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

Sincerely,

Shane

# Member Spotlight Judith Clarke

### **Professional Bio**

I graduated from Duke University in 1986 with a double major in English Literature and Economics and moved to Boston, MA to work as a commercial insurance broker/risk management consultant for 8 years. During this time I developed an interest in environmental engineering through my work managing property and liability programs for various oil and petrochemical companies.



I completed engineering courses at night at Northeastern University and went on to obtain my MS in civil/environmental engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1996.

I returned to Cambridge MA and worked for 7 ½ years at Camp, Dresser & McKee before deciding to quit my job in 2004 and move to Key West for a two-year break. 14 years, a husband, a son and several hurricanes later, I am still here.

I accepted a job as Senior Administrator, Special Projects with Monroe County Engineering Department in December, 2004, was promoted to Assistant County Engineer in 2005 and to Director of Engineering Services in February, 2009. The Engineering Services Department is responsible for maintaining and improving 315 miles of paved roads and 26 county bridges and one toll that are spread out over our 108 mile long county.

When I began working for the County our primary (engineering) challenge was to construct centralized sewer systems throughout the Keys. We've successfully completed our wastewater program and are now focusing our energy on quantifying our exposure to and developing our adaptation strategy for sea level rise.

#### **Personal Info**

**What's playing on your iPod?** I'm old school and have neither. I like rock, punk; my favorite all time band is the Talking Heads.

What's the last book you read? Diary of a Wimpy Kid with my 8 year old son.

What's your favorite thing to do on the weekends? Family activities: go to the beach, play outdoors

What's your favorite part of FACERS? Being a New England transplant at the end of the road in South Florida FACERs has provided me with the network of peers that I did not bring with me when I moved here. It is great to have a group of people who are dealing with similar issues as I and who are always willing to provide information and feedback.

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